

the regulations established pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) to ensure that these regulations result in full compensation to the government for transferred resources. Such reviews shall occur no less frequently than once every 2 years, and the results of such reviews shall be reported to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.”.

#### SEC.—111. DEFINITIONS.

In this title:

(1) **DIRECTOR.**—The term “director” means the director of the National Alert Office.

(2) **OFFICE.**—The term “Office” means the National Alert Office established by section —105.

(3) **NATIONAL ALERT SYSTEM.**—The term “National Alert System” means the National Alert System established by section —102.

(4) **NOAA.**—The term “NOAA” means the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(5) **NON-COMMERCIAL SUSTAINING ANNOUNCEMENT PROGRAM.**—The term “Non-Commercial Sustaining Announcement Program” means a radio and television campaign conducted for the benefit of a nonprofit organization or government agency using unsold commercial air time donated by participating broadcast stations for use in such campaigns, and for which the campaign’s sponsoring organization or agency funds the cost of underwriting programs that serve the public convenience, interest, and necessity, as described in section 307 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 307).

(6) **WORKING GROUP.**—The term “Working Group” means the National Alert System Working Group on the established under section —106.

#### SEC.—112. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Nothing in this title shall interfere with or supersede the authorities, missions, programs, operations, or activities of the Federal Communications Commission or the Department of Commerce, including those of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

#### SEC.—113. FUNDING.

Funding for this title shall be provided from the Digital Transition and Public Safety Fund in accordance with section 3010 of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47 U.S.C. 309 note).

**SA 4928.** Mr. BINGAMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 4954, to improve maritime and cargo security through enhanced layered defenses, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM TO EXTEND CERTAIN COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—During fiscal year 2007, the Commissioner shall extend the hours of commercial operations at the port of entry located at Santa Teresa, New Mexico, to a minimum of 16 hours a day.

(b) **REPORT.**—The Commissioner shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees not later than September 30, 2007, with respect to the extension of hours of commercial operations described in subsection (a). The report shall include

(1) an analysis of the impact of the extended hours of operation on the port facility, staff, and trade volume handled at the port; and

(2) recommendations regarding whether to extend such hours of operation beyond fiscal year 2007.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

#### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the hearing scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Tuesday, September 12th at 10 a.m. has been relocated to room SD-106.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony relating to the effects of the BP pipeline failure in the Prudhoe Bay Oil Field on U.S. oil supply and to examine what steps may be taken to prevent a recurrence of such an event.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Dick Bouts or Sara Zecher.

### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Monday, September 11, 2006, at 2 p.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “NAFTA at Year Twelve.”

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns with the Finance Committee staff be allowed on the Senate floor today and for the duration of the debate on the Port Security Improvement Act: John Lageson, Tory Cyr, and Brett Youngerman.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, about an hour ago a number of Members of the House and the Senate, principally leadership, participated in a wreath-laying ceremony by the President at the Pentagon. The President has participated over the last 48 hours in similar events in New York, earlier today in Pennsylvania, and later at the Pentagon today.

A number of colleagues have come to the Senate to offer statements in remembrance of that day 5 years ago and

that question of: What were you doing? Whom did you talk to? What were your memories? Whom were you with? This is a familiar question and one we have all gone back over the course of the last several days and thought about.

I remember where I was. I remember exactly what I was doing. I remember whom I was with. I was across the street in the Russell Building with my chief of staff, Emily Reynolds, at the time, who is now Secretary of the Senate. We were in a meeting with a colleague of mine, Senator HUTCHISON, talking over issues, when a member of her staff came in and told us that a plane had struck the Twin Towers.

At that time, it was thought initially to be a corporate plane, but as a pilot it was very clear to me that would not have happened by accident. While our discussion continued for a few moments, someone wheeled in a television, and then, dumbstruck, we watched that second plane strike the tower. Shortly thereafter, of course, we heard there was smoke coming from the Pentagon, where we were a few moments ago. Clearly, we were under attack.

I remember my first phone call home. We all remember our phone calls, reaching out to touch others whom we loved. I called my wife Karyn. Immediately, we talked about what should be done with our three boys who were at school in Washington, DC.

Of course, later that afternoon, we were standing on the steps of the Capitol with so many of our colleagues, spontaneously, together, breaking out in “God Bless America,” to let the world know that America will not cower to such terrorism. Indeed, in about 30 minutes, a number of our colleagues from both the House and the Senate will, once again, go to those Senate steps.

Those are the moments that are indelibly etched into my mind in terms of where I was and whom I was with. But it really goes out to the people we were just with over at the Pentagon, as I talked to one man I never met before whom, as we were waiting just prior to the ceremony, I turned to and introduced myself. He told me his story, his story of Amelia, who, on her second day of work, indeed, her birthday, September 11, 5 years ago, at the Pentagon was struck and died. And then there are the images of all the first responders—the law enforcement, the firefighters, the police, and the volunteers—and the family responses. All of those feelings come tumbling in.

Nearly 3,000 Americans lost their lives to those vicious acts of terror that day. The attacks shattered the longstanding illusions I had through my entire life of safety and security, at least in this great country of ours. Indeed, we found ourselves hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted but not abandoned; struck down but not destroyed.